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1. An 18-day course in the theory and practice of jet plane flight is conducted primarily for test pilots of the Army Air Force Technical Institute (VLTU - Vojensky letecky a technicky ustav) in Letnany.\* Twenty-two pilots were originally scheduled to take the course, but factory test pilots Antonin Kraus, Frantisek Vnuk, Emil Forejtnik, Frantisek Kladek and Petr Siroky were eliminated from the course because they had not been approved by the Ministry of Defense. Only pilots of Slovak nationality are to be sent to the course. Candidates are to be chosen from graduates of the Air Force School in Hradec Kralove.

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2. The Commanding Officer of the course is Lt. Colonel Dr. Kocka. The chief flight instructor is Andrej Kostik, a Slovak who was formerly test pilot for Me-262 jet planes in Zatec.\* Another flight instructor is Major Mamk. The course includes instruction in the theory of piston engines, BMW-003 and Jumo-004 jet engines, the behavior of jet planes in wind tunnel tests, rocket engines, take-offs in Me-109 planes with jet take-off boosters and flights in single-seat and two-seat Me-262 jet planes.

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Comment: [redacted] the Czech equivalent of the Air Force Research Institute is given as VLU - Vyzkumny letecky ustav, located in Prague-Letnany. It is very possible that these two institutes are the same, especially since Captain Kostik is listed as the director of the testing section at the VLU.

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